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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF PROFESSOR ROY JUMPER OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY
IN QATAR

REF: KUWAIT 2856 AND STATE 153144

1. WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ACTIVITIES OF PROFESSOR ROY JUMPER IN QATAR WITH DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION KAMEL NAJI, WHO WAS AWAY FROM DOHA UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER. NAJI'S SUBORDINATES AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAD NEITHER KNOWLEDGE NOR AUTHORITY TO REACT TO DEPT'S CAUTIONARY INSTRUCTIONS RE JUMPER. REGIONAL USIS OFFICER HALL FROM KUWAIT DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH NAJI IN LATE SEPTEMBER, AND I FOLLOWED UP WITH TWO CONVERSATIONS ON MATTER DURING PAST WEEK.

2. NAJI WAS CONSIDERABLY PERTURBED THAT JUMPER NOT (RPT NOT) OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY. HE TOLD ME THAT ALTHOUGH JUMPER NEVER DIRECTLY DECLARED HIMSELF AS SUCH, HE NEVERTHELESS LEFT STRONG IMPRESSION THAT HE SPEAKING FOR INDIANA U. AND NAJI HAD NO (RPT NO) REASON TO QUESTION JUMPER'S STATUS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR CAUTIONARY ADVICE, AND NOTED HE PERSONALLY CONCERNED SINCE HE HAD JUST RECEIVED HIS PHD THIS JUNE FROM INDIANA U, FORT WAYNE CAMPUS.
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3. RE JUMPER'S OFFER TO RECRUIT TEACHERS FOR QATAR, NAJI TOLD ME THAT HE HAD PRODUCED A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES. HE SHOWED ME TWO DOSSIERS PROVIDED BY JUMPER ON CANDIDATES FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE TEACHING POSTS AT QATAR UNIVERSITY. THEY WERE JOHN W. DAVIS, PHD IN ENGLISH LET FROM INDIANA IN 1973, WHOSE LAST INDICATED POSITION WAS AT U OF WISCONSIN CENTER, MANITOWOC COUNTY, MANITOWOC, WIS, AND STANLEY ROSKOSKI, PHD IN ENGLISH LIT FROM INDIANA IN 1971, PRESENTLY TEACHING AT U OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, I REVIEWED DOSSIERS WHICH FULLY DOCUMENTED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDIANA FACULTY AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OF UNIVERSITIES WHERE MEN HAD BEEN EMPLOYED. RECOMMENDATIONS INDICATED DAVIS AND ROSKOSKI EXTREMELY WELL-QUALIFIED.

4. NAJI SAID THAT ONE OF THESE TWO MEN WOULD BE SELECTED FOR POST HERE BASED ON PERSONAL INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED BY A DR ABDULLAH, DIRECTOR OF ARAB LEAGUE INFORMATION OFFICE IN CHICAGO. ACCORDING TO NAJI, ABDULLAH IS ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN INDIANA U, HAS VISITED QATAR, IS FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND GOQ PREPARED TO ACCEPT HIS JUDGMENT ON CANDIDATE TO BE HIRED.

5. NAJI REMARKED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS CONCERNED BY JUMPER'S APPARENT INTENTION TO LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIANA U, AND WAS APPRECIATIVE OF OUR STRAIGHTENING HIM OUT ON THIS POINT, JUMPER HAD, IN FACT, MADE GOOD ON HIS PROMISE TO FIND QUALIFIED FACULTY MEMBERS FOR QATAR UNIVERSITY. HE ASKED ME TO DISCUSS THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH DR MOHAMMAD KAZEM, QATAR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, AND I DID SO ON OCT 15. ALTHOUGH KAZEM ECHOED NAJI'S CONCERN ABOUT JUMPER'S APPARENT MISREPRESENTATION OF HIS TIES WITH INDIANA U, HE TOO ASSERTED THAT JUMPER HAD, AS PROMISED, RECRUITED QUALIFIED PROFESSORS FOR QATAR U. I TOLD NAJI AND KAZEM THAT IN FUTURE WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS GOQ'S NEEDS FOR AMERICAN PROFESSORS WITH THEM, AND ALSO THEY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CHECK OUT WITH US CREDENTIALS OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL ENTREPRENEURS WHO COME TO THEM DIRECTLY.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE ENCOURAGED NAJI AND KAZEM TO MAKE USE OF SERVICES OF AFME TO ASSIST GOQ IN STUDENT PLACEMENT AND TEACHER RECRUITMENT. AFME OVERSEAS VICE PRESIDENT ORIN PARKER
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VISITED DOHA OCT 5-6. PARKER WAS UNABLE TO SEE NAJI WHO WAS OUT OF TOWN DURING HIS VISIT, BUT HE DID MEET WITH KAZEM. WE ENCOURAGED PARKER TO REVISIT DOHA AT MORE LEISURE SO THAT HE COULD TALK DIRECTLY TO NAJI WHO IS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT OFFICIAL WITH OVERALL AUTHORITY FOR ALL EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS HERE.
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